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Applicants cancel claims 1 and 5. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 remain pending in the application. Applicants amend claims 2 and 6 to independent form, and amend claims 3-4 and 7-8 to correct minor errors. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate acceptance of the drawings.

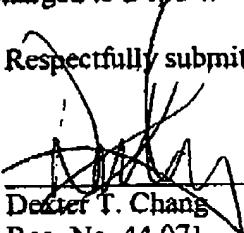
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 2-4 and 6-8 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants amend claims 2 and 6 to independent form incorporating all features of their respective base claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow claims 2 and 6, along with claims 3-4 and 7-8 dependent therefrom, respectively.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,556,568 to Sasaki. Applicants cancel the rejected claims.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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